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WITHIN THE WEEK

We read with interest glowing accounts of Allied superiority of manpower and arms, concentrated against the coming invasion. It is well that we have these reserves. But let us bear in mind that they are, for our purpose, on the wrong side of the Channel. The enemy "has his there." His defenses are prepared. His supply problem infinitesimal, in comparison with our own. We shall need this vast superiority if we are firmly to establish ourselves in Western Europe.

It is not amiss to recall that Hitler personally made a pilgrimage to Dunkirk soon after the great evacuation. At that time, with everything in his favor, he explored the possibilities of invading a virtually defenseless England—and gave it up as too great a gamble. We should realize, then, that this is no set-up which confronts our forces. A grim and costly struggle impends. Let us face it realistically.

RED ARMY—Aftermath: It now develops that our surmise, at the fall of Odessa, was well foundationed. Once again the Nazi forces fled before the trap was sprung. Only a light garrison was left to stand against the Russians. Will time disclose that this course has been followed yet again at Sevastopol? The obstacles are greater. One might conceivably journey

from Odessa to the Romanian coast in a rowboat. From Sevastopol, the distance is 500 mi or more. We'll see what the record reveals.

CHINA: Obviously, Mr Wallace is not going to Chungking on a Chamber of Commerce junket. His mission is no less than a desperate endeavor to hearten the Chinese gov't for continued resistance thru the next 8 or 10 mo's, against resolute efforts of the Japanese to knock China out of the war this yr. The Japanese sense that their survival rests upon control of China, or at a minimum, neutralizing this great area of potential attack. Their campaign is opportune. Chinese are frankly disheartened by our lack of action in Burma. The coming monsoon season finds the Japs and their Burmese cohorts in a position to threaten the painfully-scratched-out Ledo road across n Burma. Mr Wallace may need something more persuasive than seed-corn samples.

AIR INVASION: Significantly, a mid-wk communique of U S Air Forces designated the current bombing offensive as "the air invasion of Germany." In London, enthusiastic protagonists of air power were suggesting that Germany's air force may be broken in another fortnight of favorable weather.



SHIFTING SANDS

FHA Planning experts vision greatly increased development of group building in early post-war period. They see, for 1st time in U S large area laid out as well-planned community, then divided up among number of bldrs, each taking 10, 25 or 100 houses. Each bldr an independent contractor but working toward unified community plan. . . Word from London is that British Parliament is earnestly tackling problem of disabled ex-servicemen. Bill now pending provides every employer of 25 or more must hire certain percentage of these vets. . . With reserves of \$218 million and war hazards decreasing, War Damage corp'n has granted all policyholders yr's free insurance. Nat'l Ass'n of Real Estate bds urge that corp'n be placed on mutual basis with all surplus ret'd to policyholders at war's end. . . Prohibitionists say if 37% who favor prohibition should unite they'd control legislative, administrative branches of government.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"Hitler wanted a blitzkreig. We have given it to him."—*Pravda*, Russian Soviet newspaper.

"The Russian tanks turned us into a herd of sheep."—German prisoner, captured in the Crimea.

"You'd be surprised how much fun you can get out of making a buck go a long way, especially if you have no alternative."—Sgt BARNEY ROSS, Guadalcanal hero. Once a big-time spender at the race tracks.

"Reserve 4 tickets for the U of Iowa homecoming game next fall. Immediately upon my ret'n to the States I will forward the money for these tickets."—Sgt MORRELL DEVRIES, American soldier, writing optimistically from a German prison camp.

"The Italian people know that I have always been at their side in difficult times."—King EMMANUEL.

"I am delighted to know my record in the last War has been surpassed. I expect to see it doubled or trebled before this conflict is over."—Capt EDW V RICKENBACKER, ranking Ace of World War I. (RICKENBACKER expectation appears well founded. Reasons: longer duration of conflict; far greater number of targets; increased skill of present-day aerial gunners.)

"Gen MacArthur is a military leader who has become a moral leader. His action is a bold challenge to other military leaders, who should realize that it keynotes the handling of the entire liquor problem as far as servicemen are concerned."—IDA B WISE SMITH, pres, WCTU, referring to Gen'l's action in refusing to permit transport of case of Scotch whisky to Maj RICHARD BONG, to celebrate downing of 27th Jap plane. Capt EDW RICKENBACKER had promised the whisky to 1st Pacific pilot who topped the Rickenbacker War I record. Maj BONG, a teetotaler, was presumably not too disappointed. Gen ARNOLD dispatched two cartons of soft drinks, with congratulations.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"We must remember that during our retreat we managed to wear down the Russian strength."—From a German propaganda release.

"Listen to one voice and one appeal only—that of France . . . It would have been my wish to command you to the end. I shall be content with following your efforts and applauding your success. My life has been full enough for me to harbor no bitterness. Men pass, but France is eternal."—Gen HENRI GIRAUD, deposed French Commander in a farewell message to his troops.

"I don't like to be associated too much with the Great Lover idea. To be just liked by the girls wouldn't be a great achievement as far as I'm concerned . . . I don't own a toupee; it belongs to the studio. I never wear it outside the lot."—CHAS BOYER, motion picture actor.

"Twin beds in the marital boudoir are a modern blight, and their invention has led to more broken homes and divorces than any other factor."—Judge FRANK E DONGHUE, Chicago Woman's Court.

"Why should I complain? I made a good trade for my property; if the buyer later struck oil, it's his good luck."—MARGARET MITCHELL, author *Gone With The Wind*, as film version started its 5th yr in London, after phenomenal U S run. Movie is said to have grossed \$40 million. Miss Mitchell reportedly rec'd \$50,000 for film rights, largest sum ever paid author of a 1st novel.

"We need a ministry that will not follow our civilization, but lead it."—Dr FRANKLIN N PARKER, Emory U.

"We are striking at the week-end so that working people will be inconvenienced as little as possible."—Spokesman for London bus drivers.

"Nobody has to get old. Jive is what keeps you alive."—JOE MOODY, 69 yr-old Detroit Negro, celebrating his graduation from the 8th grade at night school.

"Your honor, he was figuring out his federal income tax and needed the drinks he took."—Plea of atty EDW O'CONNOR, Honolulu, in behalf of client, charged with intoxication. (The judge ruled "Not Guilty.")

"This time it's pretty grim business. They're singing their prayers."—JIMMY MCHUGH, composer of *Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer*, contrasting present song trend with that of World War I.

"Just as well forget about it. There will be nothing left after the taxes anyhow."—Pfc BEN R VIOLETTE, So Bend, Ind, who recently inherited share in a \$2 million estate of a half-sister in Canada. A factory worker before entering the army, VIOLETTE, who this wk married his high school sweetheart, plans ret'n to former occupation at war's end.

"Fishing provides the chance to wash one's soul with pure air . . . It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of profits and egos, a quieting of hate, a rejoicing that you do not have to decide a darned thing until next wk."—Former Pres HERBERT HOOVER, in *Collier's*.

"Do you think this is any way for a talented young woman to have to appear in public?"—BURNU ACQUANETTA, Cuban actress, appearing barefooted before a Hollywood ration board. Her automobile (with all the shoes she owned in the luggage compartment) was stolen. She sought an extra shoe coupon.

"I bet she could have taught Dr Dafoe a thing or two."—FRANCO DILIGENTI, referring to his wife's care of quintuplets born July 15, '43.

"It's a pretty good gun, I think."—JOHN C GARAND, of the famous rifle which bears his name. (He has waived all foreign and commercial rights as patriotic gesture.)

"I don't think we'll be very far from Tokio a yr from now. The Japs know they are going to be licked and it is all a question of time."—Rear Adm FREDERICK C SHERMAN.

"Mrs Roosevelt is a journalist only in the most nominal sense of the word, and by virtue of the election returns of '32."—WESTBROOK PEGLER, who has a particular aversion to the author of *My Day*.

"If you're wondering what's holding up the invasion, I think I can tell you. It's concentrated coffee and dehydrated lemonade. The boys are waiting around for the stuff to dissolve."—DICK TERRY, newsman, after living for a day on Army K rations.

"He's really an Oriental, and all Orientals consider it immodest to show their wrists. His sleeves were cut long purposely."—VALENTINA SCHLEE, Russian actress, explaining the STALIN military tunic, which aroused comment upon publication of the Teheran conference photos.

"In the postwar period, Gov't must turn loose controls it has established over business and must aid business to its feet. Small enterprises, in particular, have suffered disproportionate casualties, and the government owes them special consideration after the war."—Sen ALBEN BARKLEY, Ky.

"I bought a lot of stuff, including a Sam Browne belt that is shiner than Eisenhower's . . . and then they rejected my application. I suppose if Hitler gets as far as Denver, they'll call me."—HARRY RICHMAN, night club entertainer, who sought an Army commission as flier or flying instructor, and was turned down because of age (48).

"Orson Welles has only scratched the surface of Orson Welles."—HEDDA HOPPER, in *Photoplay*.

"Freedom must always be exercised under discipline."—Dr ROBT G SPOULE, pres, U of Calif.

"I can read your mind, but I can't change it."—JOS DUNNINGER, noted mind-reader, arraigned before Magistrate ANNA M KROSS, in N Y, charged with overtime parking. He paid fine of \$4.

"The Democratic party is no more. It now lies in the garden of memories."—TOM LINDER, Ga commissioner of Agriculture, urging southern states to refuse to send delegates to Democratic convention.

"I am asking Senate Military Affairs committee to draw up a bill providing sound compensation for mbrs of the nation's 6441 draft boards who, at present, are not even allowed expense money."—Sen ALEXANDER WILEY, Wis.

"There is not enough gold in Ft Knox to hire us to do the unpleasant tasks we are doing today. To offer draft board mbrs cash compensation, no matter how well intended, constitutes the prostitution of patriotism and is far more insulting than flattering."—Selective Service Board No. 4, Maricopa County, Ariz, in a telegram to Senate Military Affairs committee, discouraging move by Sen WILEY, noted above. (Net is likely to be some sound means of financing routine clerical and other expenditures of Selective Service boards, whose mbrship face prospect of continued service for some yrs to come. Few realize these boards must also function in returning mustered-out servicemen to civilian pursuits.)

"The high tax (on cabarets) is causing unemployment, driving concerns out of business, and by the law of diminishing ret'ns is causing a reduction in revenue."—Rep KNUSTON, Mich, introducing bill to reduce cabaret tax from 30 to 10%. (Recent Revenue Act upped tax from 5 to 30%.)

"There are people in the U S who long for a gestapo to make Jewish women scrub sidewalks in American cities."—Dr GEO N SHUSTER, pres, Hunter College.

"Education is the only means of ringing down the curtain on the absurd performance of a war every generation."—Rep J Wm FULBRIGHT, Ark.

"After all, Dan is one of my best friends. If he can't hit me when he feels like it, I don't know who can."—ERROL FLYNN, after Capt DAN TOPPING (husband of SONJA HENIE) punched him at a party.

"Of one thing I am firmly convinced: being an isolationist in peacetime, but a participant in the wars, is too expensive a policy to continue further."—LEATHAM SMITH, Wisconsin shipbldr and a candidate for U S Senate.

"I'm going to get all I can. I'll even go out looking for Japs if necessary."—Maj RICHARD I BONG, 23-yr-old Wis farmboy who shot down 27th enemy plane last wk in s-w Pacific to become America's "Ace of Aces." Bong's belief: "The war is going to last a long time."



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Why Chaplains Go to School—
Chaplain ROY J HONEYWELL, *Christian Advocate*, 4-13-44.

Why should experienced ministers attend school? Is it because they are about to preach a gospel different from that of civilian life? No.

The civilian, transplanted abruptly to a military post, feels like David in Saul's armor. Brief courses in Army organization and administration, customs of the service, etc, aid our chaplains in orientation. In a very literal sense, they learn their way around when they are taught to reach a designated place on a dark night by aid of illuminated compass and military map.

Perils of the battlefield are real, but soldiers can do much to protect themselves. The chaplain trying to reach a wounded man under fire must know how to crawl with least exposure, disappear in the slightest depression, leap quickly from bush to rock, fall and roll so he isn't lying where an enemy may think he is, and to dig a foxhole quickly with simple tools and never raise his head. This will do him more good than a Geneva brassard which the enemy may be unable to see because of distance or darkness.

When he reaches the man, he must be able to apply a bandage or splint, minister to the man's physical and spiritual comfort until he can be moved. Should gas be used, he must distinguish phosgene from mustard at the first whiff, guard himself against either; relieve others suffering from their effects.

The chaplain who goes with his men must be able to make long marches across mountains or desert, to endure hunger or rain, and to smile at 100 above or 40 below. This is not learned from a book.

ANGER

You can't get rid of a bad temper by losing it.

AMERICA

With all its faults, America is still the great hope of mankind. The common people discovered it before the social scientists. The social scientists think of America as a problem. The common people think it is an opportunity.—Dr PAUL AUSTIN WOLFE.

CHARACTER—Reputation

Whenever a huckster sells you a basket of apples, his reputation is on top of the basket; later you will discover his character somewhere near the bottom.—GEO WESLEY BLOUNT, Pa State Teachers college.

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

The child psychologists are thriving today because of the bad advice of 10 yrs ago to "let the baby cry it out."—Mother of three, in Letters dept, N Y *Herald-Tribune*.

CHRISTIANITY—in China

Our missions have put too much emphasis on Christians in public life of China. The backbone of China is not its professing Christians in high places, but the multitude of people who, while they may not profess their belief in Christianity, do practice Christian ethics.

Here a conflict of ideas arises between the teacher and the evangelistic missionary. The missionary lays his emphasis on conversion of the individual; the teacher aims at moral elevation of the nation as a whole. Missionaries err in emphasizing contributions of Christians in high places. Should a breach develop between the gov't and the people, the whole movement may be in an embarrassing position.—Prof ELLIS TUCKER, for 21 yrs teacher in St Johns U, Shanghai; recently repatriated. Quoted in *Church Mgt*, 4-44.

CHURCH—Aggressive

We must stop giving the impression that the church is surrounded by a wall, fighting for its existence against a world that is trying to destroy it; instead, we must realize that the Church is a force pushing

out into the world.—Dr ISAAC K BECKES, director, Young People's Work, Internat'l Council of Religious Education.

CONDITIONS—Meeting

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference between the two.—*Future*, organ U S Jr Chamber of Commerce.

"The Smith, a mighty man . . ."

"Any candidate who did not repudiate America First and Gerald L K Smith cannot possibly be elected President."—WENDELL L WILLKIE.

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"The Gerald L K Smiths and their ilk must not for a moment be permitted to pollute the stream of American life."—THOS E DEWEY.

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"The way to make votes is not to attack Gerald Smith and the America First movement."—GERALD L K SMITH.

DRINK—Drinking

Down in Cuba they are in a sort of a rut: they raise cane to make rum, and then drink rum to raise Cain.—BOB HOPE.

EFFICIENCY

A minister of Scotch descent, rather noted for his close calculations, also operated a small farm in Vermont.

One day he observed his hired man sitting idly by the plow, as the horses took a needed rest. This rather shocked the good man's sense of economy. After all, he was paying the man 25c an hr. So he said, gently but reproachfully, "John, wouldn't it be a good plan for you to have a pr of shears and be trimming these bushes while the horses are resting?"

"That it would," replied John agreeably. "And might I suggest, your reverence, that you take a peck of potatoes into the pulpit and peel 'em during the anthem."

EFFICIENCY—Army

A cadet was running the obstacle course, but fell on the last hurdle and lay on the ground. The O-in-C saw him prone on the ground and rushed up: "What's the matter, why don't you finish the course?"

"I'm sorry, Sir, but I've broken my leg."

"Well," responded the officer, "don't waste time lying there—do pushups."—*Pinfeather*.

FAME—Vicarious

Sen Chavez, of N M, tells the story:

Pres Roosevelt, Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek were driving thru the streets of Cairo during the period of their recent conferences. People in the doorways kept pointing to the President and shouting. Secret service men, detailed to guard Mr Roosevelt were somewhat concerned. Finally an interpreter explained:

The people were shouting, "That's her husband! That's her husband!"

DREW PEARSON, *Washington Merry-Go-Round*.

FORETHOUGHT—Thrift

Just before the recent increased tax on jewelry went into effect, a young Detroit serviceman, home on furlough, handed his mother a small pkg to keep for him. "It's an engagement ring," he explained, "but don't ask who the lucky girl is, Mom. I don't know the answer to that question. Just thought I might as well get a ring while the getting is good."—*Detroit News*.

GOD—and Religion

It is a great mistake to suppose that God is only, or even chiefly, concerned with religion.—Dr WM TEMPLE, *Archbishop of Canterbury*.

INFLATION

A businessman we know decided that inflation was here when he found that his office boys no longer pitch pennies during their lunch hr. They pitch nickels and dimes.—*New Yorker*.

LABOR—Shortage

Grace Russell, Mistress of Ceremonies on the radio show, *Bright Horizon*, was invited to visit a friend in the country. The friend, wishing

to give proper directions for reaching her home, asked Grace whether she would come by train or by car.

"We don't have a car," Grace said. Then she added with only partial embarrassment. "But our maid has one. And sometimes she will let us borrow it."

Of course, her friend was highly amused and asked for details. It seems that Grace's maid had been working in a war plant until a heart murmur made her seek less strenuous, if less lucrative employment.

The friend said jokingly, "Well, how does she manage to work for you? Does she do the light work and you do the heavy?"

Grace, who is five feet tall and weighs about 100 pounds, replied matter-of-factly, "Yes. That's the only way that she'll stay."—*She*.

Ships in the News

If you are confused by invasion dispatches which list various types of landing ships by their initials, keep this partial list for convenient reference.

LSD—Landing Ship, Dock
LST—Landing Ship, Tank
LCI-L—Landing Craft, Infantry (large)
LSVP—Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel
LCM-3—Landing Craft, Mechanized (Mark III)
LCT-1—Landing Craft, Tank
LCT-5—Landing Craft, Tank (Mark V)
LCT-6—Landing Craft, Tank (Mark VI)
LVT — Landing Vehicle, Tracked (Unarmored)
LCS-S—Landing Craft, Support, Small
LSM—Landing Ship, Medium
—Ships, hm, Shipbuilders' Council of America.

MARRIED LIFE

Counsel of an old colored mammy on the selection of a life partner: "What's de ha'm marryin' a man what has han'some looks? Honey, you might as well pick out one that you like his face, 'cause under the skin they is all alike."

PESSIMISM—Optimism

A pessimist is a man to whom an optimist owes money.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
THRU A
MEGAPHONE**

To squelch rumors of fantastic numbers of amputations—particularly "basket cases" (those with both legs and arms off) Army reveals statistics. Thus far, 9,194 American soldiers have had arms or legs amputated. Of this number, 68 lost two limbs. There have been no triple amputations or so-called "basket" cases, reports Brig-Gen Fred W Rankin, chief consultant in surgery.

Army also reassures relatives harassed by fears that servicemen may suffer permanent mental disabilities. Those suffering so-called "battle-shock" (erroneously called "shell-shock" in last war) respond rapidly to treatment; high percentage rejoin their units. Majority mustered out for "mental disabilities" had these quirks in civilian life; will not be disqualified for normal peacetime pursuits.

High sponsors of MacArthur for Pres say, in confidence, the Gen'l has been interviewed; will accept draft. . . Newsmen, within the fraternity, note that dispatches from s-w Pacific read: "MacArthur's bombers. . ." while those from Eisenhower's headquarters begin: "Allied bombers. . ."

Religious editors romp on *Collier's* for story "Hallelujah in Boom Town" by Brewster Campbell and Jas Pooler, accenting "vaudeville aspects" of evangelism.

Restrictions have been relaxed on private flying, and prospects are much improved for those who want to learn to fly postwar personal planes. More light training planes and instructors are becoming available, as military demands ease off.

Prospect is that hunters may get a few shotgun shells this fall.



AGRICULTURE: Ernest Stroup, Ohio farmer, has just patented adjustable moldboard for plows. Device moves the moldboard out and in, regulating throw of the furrow, adapting plow to conditions of soil and speed of equipment. Ordinary horse-drawn plow has never been satisfactorily adapted to higher speeds of mechanical operation. This may be revolutionary step.

ARMY—Guns: All *Liberators* at U S Bomber Base in England now aid waist gunners with automatic deflection sight, invention of 28-yr old Lt John Driscoll, of N Y. Previously, waist gunners, who operate flexible guns manually, had to compute mentally angle at which enemy plane was approaching, allow deflection to hit it. With Driscoll sight, he simply draws bead, blazes away. Device automatically compensates for deflection.

MEDICINE: Manuel Montforte, Mexican scientist, has completed studies which lead him to believe that "cuxum", a mold used by ancient Mayan medicine men in pre-Columbus times, is actually our "new" discovery, penicillin. Incidentally, new strains of penicillin, now being developed, demonstrate even greater germ-killing power than any yet known.

SURGERY: Medical banks with iced deposits of spare human parts for surgical emergencies may be a commonplace in large hospitals of the future. (*Domestic Commerce*)

TELEVISION: Newly-developed vacuum tube can put enough microwave "watts" into the air to operate home television sets with as much assurance and clarity as do ordinary broadcast receivers on regular wave lengths. Generates power at frequencies as high as 1,000 megacycles and beyond. (*Gen'l Electric.*)

POSTWAR—Problems

Our real problems will begin after the shooting stops. Twenty million may die after the war is over, despite all the relief and help we can possibly send overseas.—Dr ELMER A FRIDELL, foreign sec'y American Baptist convention.

PRAYER

When life knocks you to your knees—which it always does and always will—well, that's the best position in which to pray, isn't it?—ETHEL BARRYMORE.

"I tremble for my Country when I reflect that God is just."
—THOS JEFFERSON.

SELF RELIANCE

Wise beyond his yrs is self-reliant little Jimmie. When the Sunday School teacher asked, "Who made you?" he gave reply: "I am not done yet. I plan to have a little part in making myself."—*Protestant Voice.*

SERVICE—sans Glamour

At the time of the Crimean war many eagerly joined Florence Nightingale under the inspiration of a great patriotic cause.

As the ship sailed into Scutari harbor, a young nurse, enthusiastically effervescent, rushed up to the leader: "Oh, dear Miss Nightingale, let there be no delay! Let us go straight to nursing the poor fellows!"

The great nurse looked at her young charge and made disillusioning reply: "The strongest will be wanted at the washtubs."—FRANK B FAGERBURG, *Is This Religion?* (Judson).

SERVICEMEN—Selection

Glenn Cunningham, former world-champion mile runner, has become an apprentice seaman in the Navy, despite an examining physician's doubts.

When Cunningham appeared for physical examination, a doctor noticed scars left by burns which the great runner received as a child.

"Can you get around all right?" the doctor asked.

"Yes," Cunningham replied with a straight face.

The doctor passed him.—UP dispatch.

SYNTHETICS

During the opening of a synthetic rubber plant in Texas, two Negroes fell to discussing the new product. The first held that synthetic rubber was superior to true rubber. The other demanded proof.

"Well, look here," said the first. "Did you ever see a piece of old rubber that don't have no snap to it? Well, this heah synthetics ain't got no rubber in it, so it can't lose that ol' snap."—*Collier's.*

Amende Honorable

The statement in last Saturday's issue that a "dusky" 11-lb girl was born to Mr and Mrs John H—, was a typographical error.—*San Diego Union.*

TALL TALE—Wildlife Dep't

Tigers had been ravaging a village, and the terror-stricken natives sent for the nearest white man to assist them.

This man was a crack shot, and had never been known to miss. His method was to tie a goat to the foot of a tree at dusk, climb the tree, and, when the tigers came for the goat, fire at the flash of their eyes. In the morning they would be found dead, shot straight between the eyes.

He followed his usual procedure the first night, but although he fired several shots, when the day dawned the goat was gone and there were no dead tigers.

This happened on two succeeding nights. Perturbed, he took a huge torch with him on the fourth night, and instead of firing at the flashing eyes, switched on his torch and saw, to his amazement, six tigers advancing in pairs, each with one eye closed.—*Tid-Bits* (London).

TAXES

Fifty yrs ago (April, '94) the *N Y Times* called a proposed income tax unworkable "since no man would disclose his actual revenue."—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

Victoria Grandolet

Victoria Grandolet is hardly the heroine of her life story. Indeed, the dominant character is no individual, but a house—White Cloud, traditional La plantation home of the Grandolets. It was here that Niles Grandolet brought his bride, the girl who did not love him, and whose destiny it was to be harassed by his house. It was Orlou, the mystic blackamoor, cleaning the great chandelier in the entrance hall—the chandelier of tragic portent—who wove into exorcistic words the philosophy of the mansion: "White Cloud won't take what it don't like. No matter who it is, if this house don't like somebody, it won't take him in. It'll destroy him first. . . It's a noble house and you got to be noble to live in it." Victoria had laughed—and learned.

Between the incidents excerpted here HENRY BELLAMANN, author of *King's Row*, has told the story of Victoria Grandolet (Simon & Schuster, \$2.75) and of White Cloud, the house haunted by ghosts of grandeur.

Victoria looked up. A white-haired little woman waited at the top of the stairs, holding out her hands.

"Welcome home, Victoria."

"Vickie," said Niles, "this is Aunt Lucie."

"Of course—I knew."

Grandfather Grandolet, tall and exaggeratedly thin, held out his hand and spoke: "I am glad to welcome Niles' wife to White Cloud . . . Come in, children, come in!" He took Victoria's arm.

"Aunt Lucie," Niles stopped on the threshold. "Why did you say the left stair?"

"Why, Niles, you surely know. It's an old sort of story—a custom, I guess. Brides always enter White Cloud by the left stair." She hesitated a moment, then added, "The dead go out by the other one."

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Victoria turned on the balcony, away from the night. The rows of open windows confused her. Which

was the door? She stepped blindly forward.

A long wavering cry sounded thruout the house and then a shattering crash. Orlou ran from Victoria's room to the balustrade. The great chandelier was wheeling in wide circles. Victoria lay on the marble floor below, her white dress a welter of red. She lay quite still, huddled in a scattered mass of glittering, broken crystals. . .

The funeral services in the drawing room were over.

Niles arose. "Come," he said. "It's time to go."

They stood grouped near the front door, as the gray-velvet coffin was borne thru the hall. Niles looked about him. It seemed only yesterday that he had brought her here. Everything looked the same now as it did then.

Aunt Lucie at the door spoke suddenly to the pallbearers: "Not that stairway! The other one. The dead always go out by the right."

THEORY—and Practice

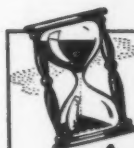
There's a story of a young couple who had a new baby and had armed themselves with a formidable tome on child care. One night the infant was wailing and the parents stood by its crib, peering through the index of their book and eyeing their little one with trepidation. Came a voice from the nursery door where their Irish cook stood in her nightgown: "If I was youse" she said, "I'd put down the book and pick up the baby." — HILDA COLE ESPY, "Three's A Crowd"—*Ladies' Home Journal*, 2-44.

WAR—Profits

The public doesn't realize that in 1917 on a turnover of \$85 billion, industry had a profit of 10% after taxes, while in '43, it had virtually the same profit, in dollars, on a turnover of \$295 billion, or only 2.5%—FREDERICK C CRAWFORD, chairman Nat'l Ass'n of Mfgs.

WEAPONS—Appropriated

It is ironic that the Jap's 1st attack against American soil in the present war was made possible by a development which America pioneered—the aircraft carrier.—*Ships, Shipbuilders' Council*.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

Jefferson on Government

THOMAS JEFFERSON

THOMAS JEFFERSON; 3rd Pres of U S, was born 201 yrs ago last Thursday. It is interesting, and profitable, to turn again in these troubled hours to the words of the Great Philosopher of American Democracy whose long and useful life bore out his vow, "I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the gov't of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the gov't of others? Or have we found angels in the form of kings to govern him? Let history answer.—*First Inaugural Address*, Mar 4, 1801.

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I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control. . . the remedy is . . . to inform their discretion by education.—*Letter to WM CHAS JARVIS*, Sep 28, 1820.

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I dislike (in the Federal Constitution) abandonment of the principle of rotation in office, and most particularly in the case of the Pres. Reason and experience tell us that the first magistrate will always be re-elected if he may be re-elected. He is then an officer for life. . . The election of a Pres of America, some yrs hence, will be much more interesting to certain nations of Europe than ever the election of a King of Poland was.—*Letter to JAS MADISON*, Dec 20, 1787.

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I am happy in the restoration of the Jews particularly to their social rights.—*Jos MARX*, July 8, 1820.

John Gunther, author of the books *Inside Europe*, *Inside Asia*, etc., visited the island of Malta in the course of one of his pilgrimages. In the deep tunnels of the British stronghold, where so many of the citizens have spent a good part of their lives in recent yrs, he ran into Lord Louis Mountbatten. "Well," said Lord Mountbatten to the correspondent, "I see you really are *inside* Malta."—*Reading & Writing*.

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They tell of a director filming a scene out at Santa Monica beach. It was a love scene with the hero on the beach speaking his dialogue to the heroine. The director, looking up, saw a sea gull flying by. He bemoaned the fact that he couldn't get it into the picture.

The prop man had an idea. If they could get some fish at a nearby mkt, such an offering surely would attract the gulls. So it was arranged.

Within a few seconds the fish brought results. It seemed that all the sea gulls in Santa Monica had smelled them. They went flying by the camera in droves. The director ordered the cameraman to stop shooting. He looked up at the sea gulls and shouted: "No, No! That's all wrong! One at a time."—SIDNEY SKOLSKY, Hollywood col.

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A one-ring circus was visiting a town in the hills. The folks there recognized all the instruments of the band except the slide trombone. One old settler watched the player for some time, then said: "There's a trick to it; he ain't really swallerin' it." — *The Journeyman Barber*.

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I crossed the bay yesterday with a couple of Yanks who had been imbibing rather too freely of the dark and bitter. One of them went up to a chap in a dark blue uniform by the ferry's gangplank and tried to pay his fare.

"You've made a mistake, soldier," said the man. "I'm not the purser. I'm a naval officer."

"Jeepers, Joe!" yelled the GI to his buddy. "Let's get off. We're on a battleship!"—"Service Chuckles," *American Magazine*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

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We Presbyterians like to think of our denomination as a sort of "middle-of-the-road" church. People say, "If I weren't a Baptist, I'd like to be a Presbyterian," or "If I weren't a Methodist—"

I have a little story I sometimes use in this connection. An Englishman, a Frenchman and an American were talking nationalities. The Frenchman said, "If I weren't French, I'd rather be American than any other nationality." The American, not to be outdone in politeness, said that if he weren't American, he would choose to be French. Then the Englishman spoke up: "If I weren't an Englishman," he said, "I'd rather be one."

So that's the way it is with the Presbyterians, too!

A minister, traveling on one of those waytrains that stop at every station on the side line, was reading his Bible.

"Find anything about the railroad in that book?" asked the conductor, as he reached for the minister's ticket.

"Yes," replied the minister. "In the very first chapter it says that the Lord made every creeping thing."—*The Royal Neighbor*.

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They do say that when Henry J Kaiser, the Pacific Coast shipbldr, absents himself from his private office, he slips a placard over the doorknob which reads: "Out to Launch."

"This is the fourth morning you've been late, Susan," said the mistress to her maid.

"Yes, Ma'am," replied Susan, "I overslept myself."

"Where is the clock I gave you?"

"In my room, Ma'am."

"Don't you wind it up?"

"Oh, yes! I wind it up, Ma'am."

"And do you set the alarm?"

"Every night."

"But don't you hear the alarm in the morning, Susan?"

"No, Ma'am. That's the trouble. You see, the thing goes off while I'm asleep."—KABLEGRAM.



OF THE WEEK

It's tough luck, but Vesuvius turned out to be the only mountain in Italy that didn't have some Nazis on top of it.—*Grit*.

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The wife who did all the hoeing in the Victory Garden wants to know why they call it farm husbandry.—*Permanized Paper Quarterly*.

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It now seems possible the Fuehrer has found an answer to the six-ton blockbuster. A headline reads: "Hitler May Drop Goering."—*Sen SOAPER*.

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It's the loose character who usually gets into a tight place.—*Biblical Recorder*.

